

The phone privacy act has allowed our family to answer the phone again. Due to the many marketing calls, we stopped answering the phone - yet still had the annoying ringer. This increases costs for all - the person calling gets our voice mail, then we must return the call (if its someone we wanted to talk to) and Ameritech gets two phone calls instead of one. Additionally, many of our friends and family stopped calling because they knew we would not answer. It is unfair to have to pay for "privacy manager" and caller ID just to avoid the marketers. Marketing firms have many other channels, particularly mail which I can read at my leasure and not be interupted during family time. Please leave the existing privacy policy in place (or toughen) As for "existing customer" concerns, again, firms can mail any information they would like our family to review on their "exciting" new products. This would also help the US Post Office. Lastly, their is e-mail, which again, I can read at our leasure and not be interupted by an annoying phone call in the middle of the dinner hour or family quality time. If I am an existing customer, I have most likely given my e-mail and home address for their review. I do have a freedom of speach and rights concerns with eliminating these annoying phone calls - however, if it is changed, our family will have to take other measures to avoid these calls (cell phone only, more expensive private non-listed lines, caller ID, etc) and I do not believe this is a burden we should have to endure.